

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 25, 2006**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor William J. Schmitt who presided called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Mayor William J. Schmitt	present
Board member Victor J. Knies	present
Board member Thomas R. Schmidt	present

Also present were Police Chief Richard Gunselman, Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle, Personnel/Safety Director Charles Schneider, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Building Commissioner David Seger, Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that a majority of the board members must be present for a quorum. All three of the board members were present; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Schmitt invited all present to join him in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on April 11, 2006. Victor Knies noted that under the section headed "Report", it read "...the Commissioner of Labor and the Deputy Commissioner of Labor would be in Jasper on Thursday, May 8, 2006". Knies stated that May 8 is a Monday, not Thursday, and should be corrected. He also stated that he had checked with the Personnel/Safety Director, who had confirmed the date as Monday, May 8, 2006.

A **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried 3-0.

HIGH WEED COMPLAINTS

Street Commissioner Raymie Eckerle reported for publication the names of property owners that had been cited under section 5.12.040, weed removal/ notice. The names and property locations receiving notice since the last meeting were as follows:

<u>Owner</u>	<u>Location of Lot</u>
Leroy & Darlene Jerger Trust	609 E. 14 th St.
Diana Birkle	605 E. 14 th St.
Darryl & LeAnn Huls	329 W. 10 th St.
Todd Kerstiens	214 W. 9 th St.
Donald & Sharon Kelley	Golden Acres IV, Lot 143

REPORTS

Paving Report. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave an update on the paving projects and reported on the work being done along Mill Street between 15th Street and 30th Street.

High Weed Complaints. Fire Chief and Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang reported that he has been working with the Project Technician and learning the procedure for high weed complaints.

Fire Equipment Testing. Fire Chief Kenny Hochgesang reported that Underwriters Laboratories is in Jasper and is testing the ladder trucks. He said testing is going well and that there was one fault with the tower truck, but that has been corrected.

Fire Instructor's Conference. Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang related that he would be attending the Fire Instructor's Conference in Indianapolis on April 27-29, 2006.

BIKE RODEO

Police Chief Richard Gunselman stated that Robert Clark, Cub Scout Den Leader, had requested use of the parking lot at the Schroeder Sports Complex on May 20, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. for a bike rodeo. Chief Gunselman said Officer Mike Stallman would be assisting with the bicycle safety program, which would be for about twenty cub scouts. Mayor Schmitt stated that he had checked with the Park and Recreation Department and there were no activities planned at the complex for that time, but he was not sure if any other group had any plans.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, approval was given to Cub Scout Leader Robert Clark to hold a bike rodeo on May 20, 2006 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Schroeder Sports Complex parking lot on condition no other event has been scheduled on that day. Motion passed 3-0.

MILITARY FUNERAL

Police Chief Richard Gunselman reported that a funeral is being planned for a local serviceman who was killed in Iraq. The police chief was not sure of the date, but expected a large turnout. He said the funeral procession would travel from the Becher-Kluesner Northside Funeral Home through Jasper to the church in Dubois. The police chief requested closing a portion of Newton Street by the Veterans Memorial Bridge and re-routing the traffic, if that was necessary. Gunselman requested permission to take whatever traffic control measures that are necessary. The police chief also stated that he would contact the State Highway Department, the Sheriff's Department and the Indiana State Police. There followed some discussion.

On **motion** by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt, authorization was given to the police chief to handle any details that are required to ensure that the serviceman's funeral is orderly and as honorable as possible. Motion passed 3-0.

REPORT

Police Chief Richard Gunselman presented the Jasper Police Department March 2006 Vehicle Maintenance Report for review. Gunselman commented that he had just noticed that there was a typographical error under operating costs on Car #80. He said he would check that and get it corrected.

JOB SHADOWS

Police Chief Gunselman introduced two Jasper High School students who were job-shadowing him for the day. The students were, Jane Ruckriegel, 3355 N. Kellerville Road, Jasper and Payton Mincey, 1370 Valley View Drive, Jasper.

PORTERSVILLE ROAD PROJECT PHASE II

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that the City Council had approved the transfer of funds for the Portersville Road Project Phase II. Hurm requested the Board Members sign the bid acceptance form for the low bidder, Knies Construction.

PEDESTRIAN CROSSWALK SIGN

City Engineer Chad Hurm reported that he was still researching the pedestrian cross walk on the east side of the downtown square. He said the committee would be meeting next week to discuss some options.

EASEMENTS

City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein presented the following easement for acceptance and approval:

Grant of Public Utility & Drainage Easement

Betty Jane Burger – 10 ft. strip South of South lot line of Lot #108 in Golden Acres IV. – 10 ft. strip South of South lot line of Lot #85 in Golden Acres III

A **motion** was made by Mayor Schmitt and seconded by Victor Knies to approve and accept the easement as listed above. Motion passed 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Victor Knies and seconded by Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:38 a.m.

Mayor William J. Schmitt
Presiding Officer

Attest:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary